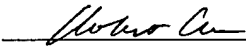


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Zhengyu YUAN and Zhong-Xiao CHEN

Serial No.: 09/248,158

Filing Date: February 9, 1999

For: DIRECT ADSORPTION  
SCINTILLATION ASSAY FOR  
MEASURING ENZYME ACTIVITY  
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Examiner: Maurie Garcia, Ph.D.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action (Paper No. 10) mailed May 24, 2000. This extension will extend the time the response is due from August 24, 2000, to November 24, 2000.

- ☒ A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$445.00.
- ☒ Authorization to charge the \$445.00 extension fee to the deposit account is provided in the accompanying transmittal.

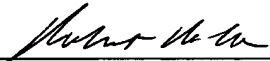
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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 342312000600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 25, 2000

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